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SUBJECT: UNTSO OPERATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON- IMMEDIATE FUTURE

1. UN SOURCE INFORMED US MARCH 16 THAT, AFTER URQUHART-SIILASVUO PHONE CONVERSATION EVENING MARCH 15, IT WAS DECIDED TO ATTEMPT TO CONTINUE SOUTHERN LEBANON UNMO OPERATION DESPITE FACT THAT ISRAELI INCURSION HAD RESULTED IN TOTALLY NEW SITUATION. ACCORDINGLY, UNTSO INTENDS TO CONTINUE MANN THE FIVE OBSERVATION POSTS UNLESS ISRAELIS OBJECT. FIRST TEST OF CONTINUED OPERATION WILL OCCUR WHEN UNMO RELIEF MISSION ATTEMPTED MORNING MARCH 17.

2. AS OP RAS WAS DEMOLISHED BY IDF DURING FIGHTING MARCH 15, UNTSO PLANS TO REBUILD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OTHER OPS APPARENTLY NOT DAMAGED.

3. UN SOURCE SAYS THAT UNTSO HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS YET FROM UNNY REGARDING POSSIBLE FUTURE UN PEACE-KEEPING ROLE IN
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SOUTHERN LEBANON IN LIGHT OF IDF INCURSION. NEVER-THELESS, UNTSO STAFF WILL BE DOING SOME CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON IN-HOUSE BASIS. SOURCE WILL KEEP US INFORMED.
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